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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY RECORD HIGH

SIoux FALLS, February 23, 2007 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 230,000 cattle **on feed** for the slaughter market on February 1, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The February 1 number is up 20,000 head from a year ago and up 5,000 from January. This sets a record high cattle on feed number for the 1,000+ capacity feedlots in South Dakota, since the series began in 1994.

Placements during January totaled 50,000 head, up 12,000 head from a year earlier and unchanged from December 2006.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 42,000 head, up 10,000 head from both last year and from December 2006.

Other disappearance during January totaled 3,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year but unchanged from December 2006.

South Dakota's less than 1,000 head capacity feedlots reported 195,000 cattle on feed on January 1, 2007, unchanged from 2006.

Number of feedlots: In 2006 South Dakota had a total of 3,168 feedlots feeding cattle for the slaughter market. This compares to 3,164 lots for 2005. Cattle marketed from these feedlots totaled 715,000 head in 2006, compared to 683,000 head in 2005.

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